

E-017, 218/SA-90-27 APPROVING CHANGES IN ASSIGNED SERVICE AREAS

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Petition by Breckenridge  
Public Utilities for a Service Area Boundary  
Change with Otter Tail Power Company

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ORDER APPROVING CHANGES IN  
ASSIGNED SERVICE AREAS

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On January 16, 1990, Breckenridge Public Utilities (Breckenridge) filed a petition requesting approval of an agreement it had reached with Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail). The agreement would modify the two utilities' assigned service areas by transferring from Otter Tail to Breckenridge a tract of land just outside the city limits on which a railroad car maintenance facility is located. No customer would change utilities under the agreement, which was executed before the only existing customer began receiving service.

On April 6, 1990, the Department of Public Service (the Department) filed comments recommending approval of the agreement.

On May 14, 1990, the Commission issued a Notice of Comment Period and Commission Meeting to allow all interested persons, including affected customers, an opportunity to comment. No one opposed approving the agreement.

The matter came before the Commission on June 6, 1990.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The utilities propose to modify their service area boundaries to allow the utility with closer facilities to serve the area at issue. This is consistent with the goals of the assigned service area statutes:

It is hereby declared to be in the public interest that, in order to encourage the

development of coordinated statewide electric service at retail, to eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplication of electric utility facilities, and to promote economical, efficient, and adequate electric service to the public, the state of Minnesota shall be divided into geographic areas within which a specified electric utility shall provide electric service to customers on an exclusive basis.

Minn. Stat. § 216B.37 (1988).

The Commission finds that the agreement is in the public interest and will further the goals of the assigned service area statutes. It will be approved.

### ORDER

1. The assigned service area boundary changes contained in the agreement at issue are approved.
2. The Department of Public Service shall revise the official service area maps to reflect the boundary changes approved herein.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster  
Executive Secretary

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